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June 20, 2018

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SUBJECT:

Critical Areas Report – Gooding Addition

Wetland Buffer Structure Setback Modification City of Bellevue, WA (Parcel 403940-0070)

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Dear Ross:

On January 17, 2018 I conducted a wetland reconnaissance on the subject property utilizing the methodology outlined in the May 2010 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Version 2.0). The project site is currently developed with your existing single-family residence, detached shed, and associated landscaped yard.

Although no wetlands are located on the site, one large wetland (Wetland A) was identified off-site to the west. It is my understanding that this wetland is a component of the Lake Hills Greenbelt and that the wetland and buffer was recently enhanced as part of a restoration effort conducted by the City of Bellevue. It is also my understanding that since the enhanced wetland and buffer was not placed into a Critical Area Tract that any new work located adjacent the wetland would be subject to the current City of Bellevue buffer requirements.

Wetland A

The boundary of Wetland A off-site to the west was delineated during the January 17, 2018 field investigation. The boundary of the wetland was subsequently surveyed and is depicted on **Figure 1**. An additional field investigation was conducted on April 24, 2018.

Wetland A consists of a shallow topographic depression and terrace that appears to contain both Riverine and Depressional Hydrogeomorphic (HGM) components. Per WA Department of Ecology guidance, the wetland was determined to be a Depressional wetland for rating purposes. The wetland contained forested, scrubshrub, and emergent components.

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Plant species in the vicinity of the site included young black cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*), willow (*Salix* sp.), spirea (*Spiraea douglasii*), and a variety of native plantings associated with the City's enhancement plan. Mowed reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) was observed throughout much of the herbaceous community indicating that periodic maintenance is being conducted to allow establishment of the plantings.

Wetland B meets the criteria for a Category II wetland with 22 Habitat Points per the current wetland rating system (**Attachment A**). Category II wetlands with 22 Habitat Points require a standard 110-foot buffer plus 20-foot building setback from the wetland edge.

Proposed Modifications

The proposed project consists of a 218 s.f. addition to your existing residence. Due to the existing layout of the residence, this addition must encroach into the 20-foot structure setback from the wetland buffer. The structure setback area proposed for modification consists entirely of an upper deck and a lower impervious patio that does not provide any functional benefit to the wetland.

As part of the project an existing deck located within the outer portion of the wetland buffer would be removed and landscaped. Since the proposed structure setback modification does not require the removal of any vegetation and would not increase the impervious surface within the buffer or structure setback there should be no impact and therefore no compensatory mitigation requirement associated with the proposed project.

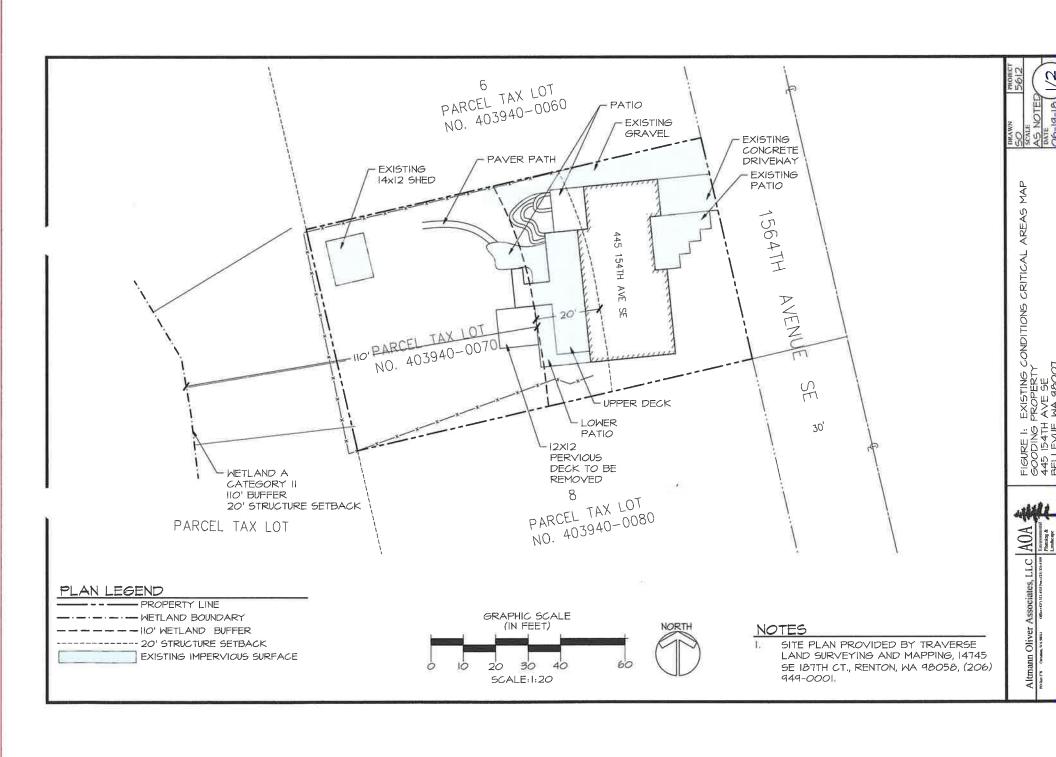
If you have any questions, please give me a call.

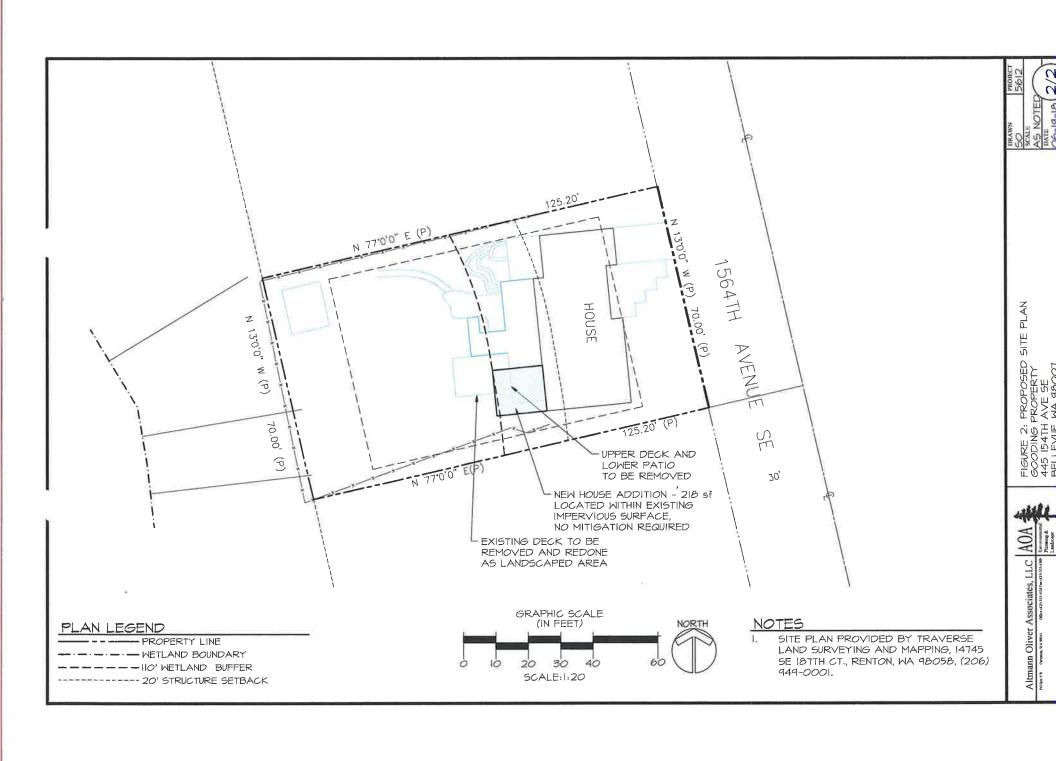
Sincerely,

ALTMANN OLIVER ASSOCIATES, LLC

John Altmann Ecologist

Attachments





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Notes:

ATTACHMENT A WETLAND RATING

Wetland name or number A

WETLAND RATING FORM - WESTERN WASHINGTON

Version 2 - Updated July 2006 to increase accuracy and reproducibility among users Updated Oct 2008 with the new WDFW definitions for priority habitats

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Name of wetland (if known): PARCEL	. 403940 - 0070 Date of site visit: 04/24/18
Rated by ALTMANN	Trained by Ecology? Yes No Date of training 05/0
SEC: 35 TWNSHP: 25 1 RNGE: 5 E	Is S/T/R in Appendix D? Yes No_X
Map of wetland unit:	Figure Estimated size
SUM	MARY OF RATING
Category based on FUNCTIONS I II IV	
Category I = Score >=70 Category II = Score 51-69 Category III = Score 30-50 Category IV = Score < 30	Score for Water Quality Functions Score for Hydrologic Functions Score for Habitat Functions TOTAL score for Functions 72 75 75 77
Category based on SPECIAL CH I II Does not Appl	-
Final Category (cho	ose the "highest" category from above)
Summary of hagia	information about the wetland unit

Summary of basic information about the wetland unit

Wetland Unit has Special Characteristics		Wetland HGM Class used for Rating	
Estuarine		Depressional	×
Natural Heritage Wetland		Riverine	X
Bog	Γ	Lake-fringe	
Mature Forest		Slope	
Old Growth Forest		Flats	
Coastal Lagoon		Freshwater Tidal	
Interdunal			
None of the above	×	Check if unit has multiple HGM classes present	X

D	Depressional and Flats Wetlands WATER QUALITY FUNCTIONS - Indicators that the wetland unit functions to improve water quality	Points (only I score per box)
D	D 1. Does the wetland unit have the <u>potential</u> to improve water quality?	(see p.38)
D	D 1.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland: Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 1 Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet (permanently flowing) points = 1 Unit is a "flat" depression (Q. 7 on key), or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow and no obvious natural outlet and/or outlet is a man-made ditch [If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing"] Provide photo or drawing	
D	S 1.2 The soil 2 inches below the surface (or duff layer) is clay or organic (use NRCS definitions) YES NO BY NRCS points = 0 D 1.2 Characteristics of surface (or duff layer) is clay or organic (use NRCS points = 0	t
D	D 1.3 Characteristics of persistent vegetation (emergent, shrub, and/or forest Cowardin class) Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, vegetation >= 95% of area Wetland has persistent, ungrazed, vegetation >= 1/2 of area points = 3 Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation >= 1/10 of area points = 1 Wetland has persistent, ungrazed vegetation <1/10 of area points = 0 Map of Cowardin vegetation classes	5
D	D1.4 Characteristics of seasonal ponding or inundation. This is the area of the wetland unit that is ponded for at least 2 months, but dries out sometime during the year. Do not count the area that is permanently ponded. Estimate area as the average condition 5 out of 10 yrs. Area seasonally ponded is > ½ total area of wetland	Figure
	Area seasonally ponded is > 1/4 total area of wetland points = 2 Area seasonally ponded is < 1/4 total area of wetland rear points = 0 Map of Hydroperiods	
D	Total for D 1 Add the points in the boxes above	1)
D	D 2. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to improve water quality? Answer YES if you know or believe there are pollutants in groundwater or surface water coming into the wetland that would otherwise reduce water quality in streams, lakes or groundwater downgradient from the wetland. Note which of the following conditions provide the sources of pollutants. A unit may have pollutants coming from several sources, but any single source would qualify as opportunity. — Grazing in the wetland or within 150 ft — Untreated stormwater discharges to wetland — Tilled fields or orchards within 150 ft of wetland — A stream or culvert discharges into wetland that drains developed areas, residential areas, farmed fields, roads, or clear-cut logging X Residential, urban areas, golf courses are within 150 ft of wetland — Wetland is fed by groundwater high in phosphorus or nitrogen Other	multiplier
$ _{\mathbf{D}} $	YES multiplier (s 2) NO multiplier is 1 TOTAL - Water Quality Functions Multiply the score from D1 by D2	22.
	Add score to table on p. 1	

D	Depressional and Flats Wetlands HYDROLOGIC FUNCTIONS - Indicators that the wetland unit functions to reduce flooding and stream degradation	Points (only 1 score per box)
	D 3. Does the wetland unit have the <u>potential</u> to reduce flooding and erosion?	(see p.46)
D	D 3.1 Characteristics of surface water flows out of the wetland unit Unit is a depression with no surface water leaving it (no outlet) Unit has an intermittently flowing, OR highly constricted permanently flowing outlet points = 1 Unit is a "flat" depression (Q. 7 on key), or in the Flats class, with permanent surface outflow and no obvious natural outlet and/or outlet is a man-made ditch points = 1 (If ditch is not permanently flowing treat unit as "intermittently flowing") Unit has an unconstricted, or slightly constricted, surface outlet (permanently flowing) points = 0	2
D	D 3.2 Depth of storage during wet periods Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of the outlet. For units with no outlet measure from the surface of permanent water or deepest part (if dry). Marks of ponding are 3 ft or more above the surface or bottom of outlet points = 7 The wetland is a "headwater" wetland" points = 5 Marks of ponding between 2 ft to < 3 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 5 Marks are at least 0.5 ft to < 2 ft from surface or bottom of outlet points = 3 Unit is flat (yes to Q. 2 or Q. 7 on key) but has small depressions on the surface that trap water Marks of ponding less than 0.5 ft Port Public Doubles (0)	٥
D	D 3.3 Contribution of wetland unit to storage in the watershed Estimate the ratio of the area of upstream basin contributing surface water to the wetland to the area of the wetland unit itself. The area of the basin is less than 10 times the area of unit The area of the basin is 10 to 100 times the area of the unit The area of the basin is more than 100 times the area of the unit Entire unit is in the FLATS class Total for D 3 Add the points in the boxes above	3
-		_2
D	Answer YES if the unit is in a location in the watershed where the flood storage, or reduction in water velocity, it provides helps protect downstream property and aquatic resources from flooding or excessive and/or erosive flows. Answer NO if the water coming into the wetland is controlled by a structure such as flood gate, tide gate, flap valve, reservoir etc. OR you estimate that more than 90% of the water in the wetland is from groundwater in areas where damaging groundwater flooding does not occur. Note which of the following indicators of opportunity apply. Wetland is in a headwater of a river or stream that has flooding problems Wetland drains to a river or stream that has flooding problems Other	(see p. 49)
	— Other YES multiplier is 2 NO multiplier is 1	2-
D	TOTAL - Hydrologic Functions Multiply the score from D 3 by D 4 Add score to table on p. 1	10

These questions apply to wellands of all HG. HABITAT FUNCTIONS - Indicators that unit functions		habitat	Points (outy) score (per box)
H 1. Does the wetland unit have the potential to pr	ovide habitat for many	species?	
H 1.1 Vegetation structure (see p. 72)			Figure
Check the types of vegetation classes present (as defined		hold for each	
class is ¼ acre or more than 10% of the area if unit i Aquatic bed	s smaller than 2.3 acres.	bus ret	
Emergent plants			
Scrub/shrub (areas where shrubs have >30%		6S	
Forested (areas where trees have >30% cover	r) ,		
If the unit has a forested class check if: The forested class has 3 out of 5 strata (cano	my mile consum charles ho	chancour	y .
moss/ground-cover) that each cover 20%			
Add the number of vegetation structures that qualify. If		•	4
1 33 J	4 structures or more	points 4	1
Map of Cowardin vegetation classes	3 structures	points = 2	
and the same the same state of	2 structures	points $= 1$	
H 1.2. Hydroperiods (see p. 73)	1 structure	points = 0	
Check the types of water regimes (hydroperiods) pro	esent within the wetland I	he unter	
regime has to cover more than 10% of the wetland or			
descriptions of hydroperiods)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Permanently flooded or inundated	4 or more types present		
Seasonally flooded or inundated	3 types present	points $= 2$	
Occasionally flooded or inundated	2 types present	point 1	1
Saturated only Permanently flowing stream or river in, or adja	1 type present	points = 0	
Seasonally flowing stream in, or adjacent to, the	ne wetland	(de	
Lake-fringe wetland = 2 points	io wonano		
Freshwater tidal wetland = 2 points	Map of hydr	operiods	
H 1.3. Richness of Plant Species (see p. 75)			
Count the number of plant species in the wetland the	at cover at least 10 ft2. (diff	ferent patches	
of the same species can be combined to meet the size	e threshold)		
You do not have to name the species.			
Do not include Eurasian Milfoil, reed canarygra			
If you counted: List species below if you want to:	> 19 species 5 - 19 species	points € 2 points = 1	
List species below g you want to.	< 5 species	points = 0	
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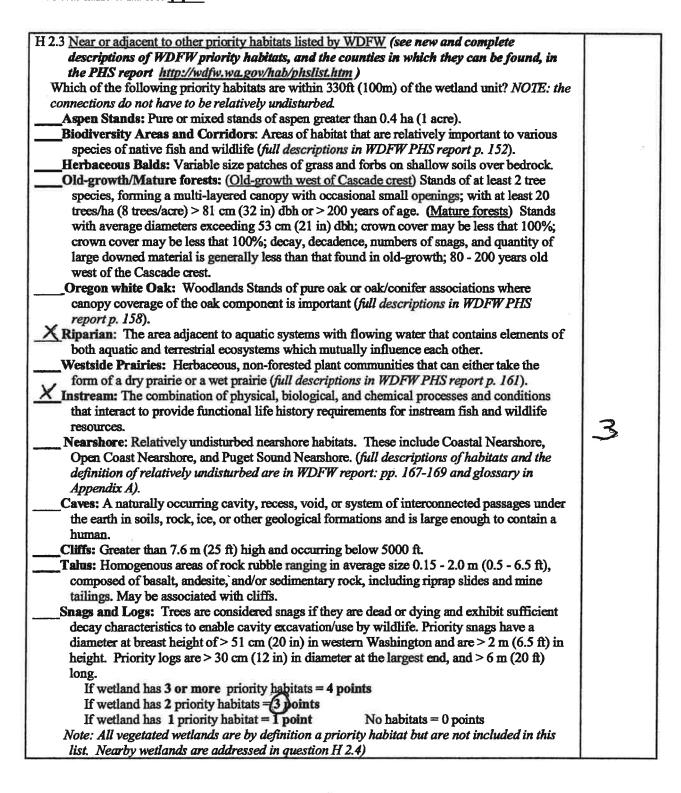
Total for page 7

H 1.4. Interspersion of habitats (see p. 76) Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersion between Cowardin vegetation classes (described in H 1.1), or the classes and unvegetated areas (can include open water or mudflats) is high, medium, low, or none.	Figure
None = 0 points Low = 1 point Moderate = 2 points	
[riparian braided channels]	3
High \$\ 3\ \text{foints}\ NOTE: If you have four or more classes or three vegetation classes and open water the rating is always "high". Use map of Cowardin vegetation classes H 1.5. Special Habitat Features: (see p. 77)	
Check the habitat features that are present in the wetland. The number of checks is the number of points you put into the next column. X Large, downed, woody debris within the wetland (>4in. diameter and 6 ft long). X Standing snags (diameter at the bottom > 4 inches) in the wetland Undercut banks are present for at least 6.6 ft (2m) and/or overhanging vegetation extends at least 3.3 ft (1m) over a stream (or ditch) in, or contiguous with the unit, for at least 33 ft (10m) Stable steep banks of fine material that might be used by beaver or muskrat for denning (>30 degree slope) OR signs of recent beaver activity are present (cut shrubs or trees that have not yet turned grey/brown) At least ¼ acre of thin-stemmed persistent vegetation or woody branches are present in areas that are permanently or seasonally inundated (structures for egg-laying by amphibians) Invasive plants cover less than 25% of the wetland area in each stratum of plants NOTE: The 20% stated in early printings of the manual on page 78 is an error.	3
H 1. TOTAL Score - potential for providing habitat Add the scores from H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, H1.4, H1.5	13

Comments

H 2. Does the wetland unit have the opportunity to provide habitat for many species?	
H 2.1 <u>Buffers</u> (see p. 80) Choose the description that best represents condition of buffer of wetland unit. The highest scoring criterion that applies to the wetland is to be used in the rating. See text for definition of "undisturbed."	Figure
 100 m (330ft) of relatively undisturbed vegetated areas, rocky areas, or open water >95% of circumference. No structures are within the undisturbed part of buffer. (relatively undisturbed also means no-grazing, no landscaping, no daily human use)	7_
H 2.2 Corridors and Connections (see p. 81) H 2.2.1 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 150 ft wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs, forest or native undisturbed prairie, that connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 250 acres in size? (dams in riparian corridors, heavily used gravel roads, paved roads, are considered breaks in the corridor. YES = 4 points (go to H 2.3) H 2.2.2 Is the wetland part of a relatively undisturbed and unbroken vegetated corridor (either riparian or upland) that is at least 50ft wide, has at least 30% cover of shrubs or forest, and connects to estuaries, other wetlands or undisturbed uplands that are at least 25 acres in size? OR a Lake-fringe wetland, if it does not have an undisturbed corridor as in the question above? YES = 2 points (go to H 2.3) H 2.2.3 Is the wetland: within 5 mi (8km) of a brackish or salt water estuary OR within 1 mi of a large field or pasture (>40 acres) OR within 1 mi of a lake greater than 20 acres? YES = 1 point NO = 0 points	(

Total for page 3



H 2.4 Wetland Landscape (choose the one description of the landscape around the wetland that best fits) (see p. 84) There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, and the connections between them are relatively undisturbed (light grazing between wetlands OK, as is lake shore with some boating, but connections should NOT be bisected by paved roads, fill, fields, or other development. The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with little disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetlands within ½ mile There are at least 3 other wetlands within ½ mile, BUT the connections between them are disturbed The wetland is Lake-fringe on a lake with disturbance and there are 3 other lake-fringe wetland within ½ mile There is at least 1 wetland within ½ mile. There are no wetlands within ½ mile. There are no wetlands within ½ mile.	3
H 2. TOTAL Score - opportunity for providing habitat Add the scores from H2.1,H2.2, H2.3, H2.4	9
TOTAL for H 1 from page 14	13
Total Score for Habitat Functions — add the points for H 1, H 2 and record the result on p. 1	22

